

Breastfeeding

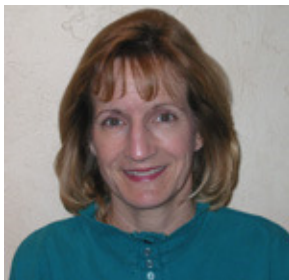
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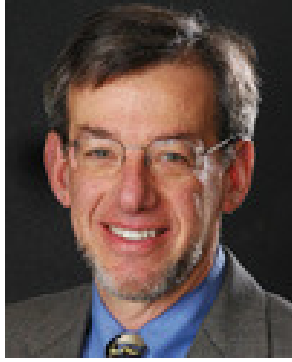
Nancy Bacon MS, RD/LD, CDE is the Nutrition Consultant for the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) MCH Service. As the co-chair of the Breastfeeding Workgroup in the Preparing for a Lifetime, It's Everyone's Responsibility initiative to reduce infant mortality; she worked with partners to launch Oklahoma's Breastfeeding Friendly Worksite Initiative and the Breastfeeding Website. The workgroup led efforts to create the OSDH Breastfeeding Worksite Policy and update the agency Mother's Room, which both serve as models for other agencies, and to promote the Breastfeeding Hotline and Baby-Friendly Oklahoma project. Nancy has a MS in Nutritional Sciences with a Health Promotions emphasis, from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and a BS in Nutrition-Dietetics from the University of Oklahoma. Nancy has worked as a Community Dietitian, Clinical Dietitian, WIC Nutrition Education Coordinator, and Public Health Nutritionist covering five counties in southwestern Oklahoma.



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Becky Mannel, BS, IBCLC, FILCA, is the Lactation Center Coordinator at the University of Oklahoma Medical Center and Clinical Instructor for the OU Health Sciences Center. Becky has lectured to physicians, residents, and medical students, and has presented at state, national and international conferences. As the Chair of the Coalition of Oklahoma Breastfeeding Advocates, she has worked to successfully pass two Oklahoma laws protecting the rights of breastfeeding mothers and to develop and distribute the Model Hospital Policy on Breastfeeding. She worked with the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) to launch a breastfeeding friendly worksite recognition program and the Breastfeeding Hotline. She has served as the president of the International Lactation Consultant Association, and currently serves on the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners. Becky has authored, co-authored, and edited numerous articles published in peer reviewed professional journals.



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Dr. Charles Homer co-founded the National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality (NICHQ) in July 1999 and he currently serves as the organization's President and CEO. He is an Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School. A member of the federal Secretary's Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children, Dr. Homer also served as a member of the Institute of Medicine's Pediatric Health and Quality Measurement Committee from 2009-2011; chaired NCQA's Children's Measurement Advisory Panel from 2009-2011; and co-chaired the National Quality Forum (NQF) Child Outcomes Steering Committee from 2009-2010. He represents NICHQ at the National Priority Partnership, convened by the National Quality Forum. In Massachusetts he served as a member of the Expert Panel on Performance Measurement reporting to the Commonwealth's Quality and Cost Council from 2009-2012. He was a member of the third US Preventive Services Task Force from 2000-2002 and served as chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Quality Improvement from 1999-2001 and its Steering Committee on Quality Improvement and Management from 2001-2004. He obtained his bachelor's degree from Yale University, his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.